

CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH

A Mullhall in the solar plexus is a mighty bad thing for a national manufacturers' association.

These are the golden days for Socialist propaganda, if we make the most of the great opportunities before us.

An Australian paper has a department devoted to "syndicalism," edited by "Gog and Magog." It ought to be "Goose and Moregoose."

Mellen has quit as a railroad president. He was a type of the manager who managed not for the people but for the owners of the people's roads. Result: Dividends for the few; death and injury for the common lot, in wrecks almost of weekly occurrence.

Bryan's antics over his pay must strike his admirers as pretty near the limit. What great "commoner" is this who is unable to make ends meet on a princely salary! Queer, indeed, that it has to be a self-confessed "commoner" who finds a cabinet officer's pay too small to live on.

We hasten to correct an item appearing in the Herald of April 19, the incorrectness of which has just been called to our attention. The item stated that the Rev. J. Wesley Hill, active politically against the Socialist movement, had been unchurched by the Metropolitan Temple, in New York. It appears that nothing of the sort took place. The item was based on a report in one of our Socialist exchanges, the falsity of which was not suspected.

The Mullhall disclosures bring up all the sins of the Parry-Post-Van Cleave-Kirby union haters and virtuous "open" shop agitators. These lords of business wore the clothing of ultra virtue, yet all the while they were telling the world how base and crooked organized labor was they appear to have been corrupting the law-making forces of the land and committing all sorts of high crimes. To the might of wealth control and mastery they are charged with having added the cowardice of trickery in their work of scourging the employed class upon whose sweat and misery they waxed fat. Power corrupts the individualist, as a rule.

The so-called industrial workers are hurling their javelins at Comrade Debs for the report of the Socialist investigation committee in

LAW AND ORDER LAWLESSNESS

Those Seattle Socialists will certainly love and respect the flag and law and order from now on.

There is nothing that so splendidly teaches the majesty of law and the beauty of patriotism as to have a secretary of the navy, whose salary is paid from public funds and taking orders from an international armament trust, make a speech at the close of a convivial banquet declaring that the one million Socialist voters in this country and their families should be driven out.

Speeches like these illustrate exactly how the possession of power and the wielding of the machinery of patriotism and law and order makes men sane, and tolerant and law abiding.

This teaching by example did not stop with the action of the secretary of the navy. We have long been told that there is nothing that teaches patriotism and self-control and obedience to law and order so well as military training. The sailors and soldiers stationed at Seattle, under the direct observation of the secretary of the navy seized the opportunity to illustrate the splendid effect these teachings have had upon them.

Gathering in a drunken mob these perfect examples of the effect of military discipline went howling through the streets, defying the police, sneering at the mayor and ending by an orgy of destruction of Socialist property. So perfect was the self-control created by military training that they started to destroy a Salvation army headquarters under the impression that it was the meeting place of Socialists.

These things also teach a deep respect for the sacred rights of property, a lesson that cannot help but sink deeply into the minds of those whose property was destroyed by the booze-crazed representatives of the dignity of the navy and army.

Such incidents should lead fathers and mothers of the working class all over the country to urge their sons to enlist in the navy. They get a "chance to see the world" and receive the sort of training that will make them valuable in case they should ever want to join a colony of cannibals or lunatics.

One wonders whether these little escapades would be looked upon so lightly by the powers that rule if the objects of this mob violence were members of the National Association of Manufacturers, that has disgraced and debased everything that the patriot is asked to respect.

Yet in spite of the revelations concerning these men, is there anyone who doubts that if a mob of sailors and soldiers, incited by an inflammatory and law breaking speech of a member of the cabinet, were to destroy an N. A. M. headquarters, that the cabinet officer would be removed from his position, every naval officer responsible for the privates concerned degraded to the ranks, and the privates given long terms in military prisons?

It does not take much of a prophet to predict that no such punishment will be visited upon those responsible for this outbreak. They are much more apt to be rewarded by more banquets and promotion.

All of which will help still more to teach respect for law and order.

A. M. SIMONS.

West Virginia. Particularly virulent are certain alleged Socialist editors in West Virginia, who were freed from jail the moment the Socialist committee got on the field and who at the same time refuse to give their readers the report made by the committee. One editor, a fellow by the name of Thompson, brazenly faces it out by telling Debs that he, Thompson,

printing establishment is to set off an alarm clock bomb in the back part of the building, thus injuring the owner's property, for which you should have no respect, and incidentally taking the lives of the members of the working class who are employed in the building. This is known as the McNamara method. To complete the nobility of the procedure, flowers may be

sent into the little workmen's homes where the funerals of the victims are being held. This tends to convince the weeping widows and orphans produced by your method of warfare that you have a proper regard for the widows of the working class.

The capitalist reformers in Cleveland have forced through a so-called home rule charter, it

makes all city officials except mayor appointive and give the mayor the right to make the appointments—thus taking away from the people the right to choose their servants and giving to one man the entire job. Beside the mayor one alderman from each ward will be elected. The whole thing is highly undemocratic and very dangerous, since capitalism

will continue to rule, of course, and will dictate the appointments from the old gang class as soon as the reformers are balled out. Giving the people a less voice in government goes as reform smother the "good" capitalists. Humanity can only wish such reformers a sudorific hereafter.

Although denouncing the tactics of the militants as inimical to the

And this, in spite of the fact that Mrs. Pankhurst was formerly a member of the Independent Labor party (Socialist), in which her husband, now dead, was an active worker.

A correspondent in another part of the paper this week takes issue with our view of the conduct of the British militants. We held that the militants, having free right to present their views to the electors by press and platform had no reasonable cause to resort to lawlessness, especially lawlessness of a kind that injured innocent persons, such as burning down relics cherished by the people, destroying the letters of the people by pouring acid in the mail boxes, desecrating the people's parks, and so on. If the voters cannot be converted by reason and argument, they are not likely to be by terrorism. The situation may be likened to a debating society where one side throws over the usual and legitimate methods of persuasion and instead hurls rotten eggs at the audience, with threats of doing them bodily injury if they do not decide the debate in their favor. Such a meeting would be quite likely to do what the British public has done—at the "militants" down as a bad lot and refuse to be converted to their views. The Herald's criticism was not at all peculiar to this paper, it is of a kind with that of the Socialist press of Great Britain, which freely says that the militants have lost their senses and have injured their cause. There may lurk here and there a statist admiration for brute methods, but society has passed beyond such a state and looks for argument and calm reasoning in place of brickbats and stink bombs. We may grant the suffragettes the moral right to a few advertising stunts to advance their cause, but when the suffragette turns petroleuse she bids good-bye to even the chivalric toleration she has so often presumed upon in the ordinary walks of life.

A wonderful system is the capitalist system. When it produces the most, you will find the people having the hardest time to live. Hard times and crises come when "too much" has been produced. Just imagine "too much" being responsible for panics, starvation, and hard times? Too much means that more goods have been produced than the workers with their capitalist wages are able to buy back. Such a crazy system! But we will have to suffer under it just so long as industry is carried on merely for private profits.



Thirty-one perfectly good wagons, built especially for the hauling of garbage, valued at \$7,595, are being permitted to rust and rot in the open near the Milwaukee city incinerator by the present "nonpartisan" administration. The reasons why these big, up-to-date wagons are being allowed to go to pieces in the wind and weather, while the city's garbage is collected, at rare intervals, by stinking little wagons which strew their contents over the streets, are chiefly two: first, they were purchased by the Social-Democratic administration, after an extended investigation by the bureau of efficiency and economy, officials of the department of public works, and others, and the "nonpartisan" demand that everything the Socialists had a hand in shall be politically damned (it is the only way they can make political capital); second, to substitute the new wagons, especially built for the purpose, for the present obsolete dump carts would separate some 40 patriots from the payroll, the new wagons carrying much bigger loads and therefore requiring fewer men to handle the collections. It was the plan of the Social-Democratic administration to put in a concrete pit at the incinerator together with a clam-shell

SCIENTIST INDICTS CAPITALISM

Alfred Russel Wallace, accounted the greatest living scientist after Darwin, and who was the co-discoverer with Darwin of the law of evolution, has written a new book, which he calls "Social Environment and Moral Progress." He has a poor opinion of the morals of the present day. The very term capitalistic morals, is contradictory, as we all must realize. Socialists will find the book the most engaging reading, for his summing up is intensely Socialistic. He holds that intellectually and morally mankind has made practically no progress in thousands of years. We are simply the inheritors of the ages. The essential characters of man, intellectual, moral and emotional, are inherent in him from birth, being varied in individuals and modified by education and social influences, but the latter changes are not permanent because not hereditary. Advance, therefore can not take place unless there is some selective or segregative agency at work." Thus far in agreement with the Eugenists, he leaves them forthwith, for he sees no virtue in artificial agencies of selection. He relies wholly on setting free the agencies of natural selection by the abolition of social inequality, and by elevating the entire social environment of

the race. He says, in summing up: "Taking account of these various groups of undoubted facts, many of which are so gross, so terrible, that they can not be overstated, it is not too much to say that OUR WHOLE SYSTEM OF SOCIETY IS ROTTEN, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, and the social environment as a whole, in relation to our possibilities and our



ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE.

claims, is the worst that the world has ever seen. It is my firm conviction that when we have cleansed

the Augean stables of our present social organization, and have made such arrangements THAT ALL SHALL CONTRIBUTE THEIR SHARE EITHER OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL LABOR, AND EVERY ONE SHALL OBTAIN THE FULL AND EQUAL REWARD FOR THEIR WORK, the future progress of the race will be rendered certain by the fuller development of its higher nature acted on by a special form of selection which will then come into play." And he adds, "It may be taken as certain that when women are economically and socially free to choose, NUMBERS OF THE WORST MEN AMONG ALL CLASSES WHO NOW READILY OBTAIN WIVES WILL BE UNIVERSALLY REJECTED."

The survival of the fittest, he says, is really the rejection of the unfit. "It is the one brilliant ray of hope for humanity that, just as we advance in the reform of our cruel and disastrous social system, we shall set free a power of selection in marriage that will steadily and certainly improve the character as well as the strength and beauty of our race." The great scientist is ninety-one years of age, making him the oldest active agitator for Socialism as well as the most notable in the entire world.

LABOR MEET MARKS BIG ADVANCE

WAUSAU, Wisconsin—"When the working people of the nation learn to organize their forces into powerful trades unions and into a powerful political party they can secure for themselves good wages, good working conditions, and the best there is in life."

"As long as the working people continue to refuse to join in the trade union movement and do not unite in their own political party, they will continue to suffer from the injustices and abuses of the capitalist system."

These two sentences sum up the annual report of Frank J. Weber, general organizer of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, made to the annual state convention of the state organization.

Loss Follows Division.

"Through division the workers have caused their wives and children to suffer hunger, anxiety and sorrow, and they themselves have become tramps and mendicants and are forced to beg for an existence; through division the workers have assisted in entrenching the employers of labor, so that to remove them from their fortification, it will take a united economic and political movement of the workers; through division labor has served both their industrial masters and political bosses, and thereby has been despoiled and enslaved," declared Weber. "Therefore it is the duty of every toiler to obliterate the word division from the vocabulary of his industrial decologue and shun it as he would the most venomous reptile that inhabits the jungles of Africa. Let us remember that labor should present just as solid a front on election day, as it does when on a strike for the betterment of economic conditions. Political education is one of the greatest factors in the labor movement."

"Today, whether we concede it or not, the child of the workman is born in and to wage slavery. Is it any wonder then, that men and women hesitate to take upon themselves the care and the establishment of a home? It is therefore the duty of this convention to strive to place the workers in such power as will assure them the right to enjoy the fruits of their toil."

"Let us strive to give the workers their inheritance which they are entitled to under the plan of the universe. To do this, we must educate the workers to use the most powerful weapon to win the battle—the ballot. Which means the peaceful, intellectual strike."

"The system of society or rather the civilization that ruins countless thousands of innocent young girls—the daughters of the working class—and drags them down to a depth of depravity far below the beasts," declared Weber, "can not be supported by any human being, conscious of this terrible fact, without accusing in him the determination of revolt."

"Under capitalism's regime the profit system—prostitution has been enforced upon the countless thousands of the daughters of the working class by denying them a living wage, so that they can live respectable lives."

merialized prostitution than any laws we may place on our statute books, as such laws are only enforced when there is a class conscious uprising of the workers against commercial prostitution. Therefore, our duty is to organize the female wage earners."

Danger in Minimum Wage.

Weber warned the leaders in the labor movement against the possible dangers of a minimum wage law for women. "Even in those industries where the female workers have through their organizations been able to establish a fair wage and have shortened their hours of labor, he said the employers will demand that a wage board be appointed to establish the same wages and hours of labor that exist in the unorganized factories in the same industry, as they will hold competition demands this."

"The great problem that is confronting the workers of today," said Weber, "is: Will they continue to produce wealth for others, or will they arouse themselves from their slumber of indifference and organize on the economic and political field, and obtain through united action, the full value of their labor? That is the question before us and must be solved ere long by the workers themselves."

Ask Support for Papers.

Weber urged that members of organized labor lend their support to the labor papers which are as essential as their organizations; and that it should be obligatory upon those whose cause the labor press champions, to contribute their little or no raise, then the organized workers will have made a mammoth stride toward the education of the workers as to their duty to one another.

advancement of woman suffrage, the British Independent Labor Party gave the suffragettes the use of its presses when the government tried to suppress their official paper, and the paper was thus printed by the National Labor Press, with the result that the manager, who was also not in sympathy with the militant tactics although a suffragist, went to jail. Keir Hardie and Ramsey MacDonald, both Socialist members of parliament, offered to take his place in the printing of the paper, but the government changed front. They did this for the principle of a free press, not for militancy, and it was characteristic of the militants that as soon as the storm blew over they hastened to have the paper printed elsewhere, without so much as a thank you.

POVERTY AND MONOPOLY, WHY?

It is agreed by everybody:

1. That the earth is large enough and rich enough in soil, climate, forest and mines so that no one needs to be poor for any fault of the earth.
2. That the great machines are good enough, and are so productive when in use that no one needs to be poor for any fault of the machines.
3. That there are workers enough, skillful enough, and willing enough to produce enough so that no one needs to be poor for any lack of the power of labor to produce.
4. That, because of these facts, poverty is needless.

Why, then, poverty, and all the world of suffering, ignorance, vice, disease and death which are caused by poverty?

If anybody will think a little, he will readily discover that he already knows the cause of this needless poverty. To get the answer you do not need know more. You know enough now. The answer will come, not by learning what you do not know, but by thinking about what you do know already.

Here are some things everybody knows:

1. That millions of people who must occupy and use the earth, and in order to use the earth must use the great machines with which to use the earth, do not own either the earth or the machines with which to use the earth. You know that, don't you?
2. That the few who do own the earth and the machines with which to use the earth, will not let the rest of us use the earth or the machines unless they fix the terms, on which we use them, and when they fix the terms, the terms are such that the many are doomed to poverty and the few are made rich, idle and useless.
3. If you do not see that, you know this is true; don't try to talk about it. There will be no use in reading about it. Just sit still and think about it. You will soon see that you do know it, and that you have always known it. Whatever your

wages, your salary, or your income may be, if you earn it, after you have paid the Food Trust, the Sugar Trust and the other week's expenses, you are then without means, pending the next pay day. Most of the wealth created by your labor, your wages could not buy at all. You get so little when you sell your labor, in a market where the sellers are many and the buyers few, and you pay so much when you buy food and shelter in a market where the buyers are many and the sellers a private monopoly, fixing the prices for all other sellers, and for all buyers, you along with the rest, that you are always poor. What the workers produce and can buy back with their wages keeps them alive, but it keeps them poor. What the workers produce more than their wages will buy, the owners of the private monopolies get. That is what makes the useful people poor, and the useless people rich. Don't you know that this is true?

Why, then, does this needless poverty exist? It is because of land monopoly, mining monopoly, manufacturing monopoly, market monopoly. It is because the few privately own what all must together use; that is, the earth, and the machinery with which to use the earth. That is what is called capitalism.

What is the remedy?

It is very simple. Make every privately owned monopoly a public owned monopoly instead. Then all those things which all the people use together, all the people, acting through their government will own together. Then, because there would be no one to privately profit at the loss of others, the wages, the salaries, incomes must rise and the cost of living must fall until the useful people, who produce all the wealth, will be able to buy and enjoy the use of all the wealth they themselves produce. That would make an end of poverty to all useful people, and it would make an end of private fortunes in the hands of those who never earned them.

WALTER THOMAS MILLS.

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THE PRISON BALLAD

BALLAD

I know not whether Laws be right,
Or whether Laws be wrong;
All that we know who lie in gaol
Is that the wall is strong;
And that each day is like a year,
A year whose days are long.

But this I know, that every Law
That man has made is Man's;
Since first Man took his brother's life,
And the mad world began,
But sows the wheat and saves the
chaff
With a most evil fan.

This too I know—and wise it were
If each could know the same—
That every nation that men hold

And every prison that men build
Is built with bricks of shame,
And bound with bars lest Christ
should see
How men their brothers maim.
With bars they blur the gracious
moon.

And find the goodly sun:
And they do well to hide their Hell
For in it things are done
That Son of God nor son of Man
Ever should look upon!

The vilest deeds like poison weeds
Bloom well in prison air:
It is only what is good in Man
That wastes and withers there:
Pale Anguish keeps the heavy gate,
And the Warder is Despair.

For they starve the little frightened
child
Till it weeps both night and day:
And then scourge the weak and poor

And ribe the old and gray,
And some grow mad, and all grow
bad,
And none a word may say.

Is a foul and dark latrine,
And the fetid breath of living Death
Chokes up each grated screen,
And all but Lust is turned to dust.

The brackish water that we drink
Creeps with a loathsome slime,
And the bitter bread they weigh in

Is full of chalk and lime,
And Sleep will not lie down, but
walks
Wild-eyed, and cries to Time.

FATIGUE AND INJURIES.

Speaking of the attention that is now given to the question of economic loss through fatigue, the New York

noticed that accidents in mills and other places occur with clocklike regularity at certain hours of the day when the workmen are most likely to

Time.	Accident Per cent.	Time.	Accident Per cent.
5-7 a. m.	2.1	7-9 p. m.	8.1

7-8	a	mm	5.16	1-2	p	mm	4.8
8-9	a	mm	5.29	2-3	p	mm	4.8
9-10	c	mm	6.04	3-4	p	mm	6.7
10-11	a	mm	10.37	4-5	p	mm	8.0
11-12	a	mm	10.81	5-6	p	mm	7.6

Secretary Redfield in "The New Industrial Day," speaks of several carefully worked experiments in large industries, which reductions in the hours of work without decrease in pay.

have proved profitable. The great Zeiss works in Jena, Germany, introduced the eight-hour day and kept a careful record of the results. At the end of four years it was found that the hours worked had decreased 10 per cent, while the output had increased 15 per cent.

THE DOUBLE STANDARD

In a poor rooming house in Brooklyn the other day a tired woman committed suicide. Twelve years ago she lived in a beautiful home in luxury.

Scandal touched her, there was a secret divorce, and, upon a small annuity, she sought to hide. In 12 years she earned among the humble folk near her new abode, by kindly ministrations, the little sum of \$100,000.

her and came to her for sympathy in their little troubles. Straw animals found in her a steady protector. She went about doing good. But finally,

her split broke, though not until, expiation for sin is ever won by work of mercy, she had won it manifold. There is no record that the man in the case repented or suffered. Society did not cast him out. It may be that she

are "rules" when memory stings his conscience, but his order of living was not altered. He probably did not even know of "The Angel's" death; too long when she changed her residence, she

SAVE YOUR PENNIES:

LABOR MEET ON ADVANCED GROUND

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homes and wrecked and honor destroyed.

"We are living in an age where our system corrupts manhood and debauches womanhood, and this system is upheld by men and women who lay claim to be the followers of the teachings of the lowly Nazarene."

"We are living in an age where the 'hard lands' in our industrial centers are densely populated with social outcasts who have gone down in the struggle to live, and where women's honor is sold for bread."

"We are living in an age where the mills, factories and sweat-shops are filled with women and children whose lives, joy and happiness are sacrificed to maintain a privileged class to live in debauchery and licentiousness. Millions of children have been taken from the school room, whose innocence and childhood are outraged to satisfy dehumanized greed."

"We are living in an age where, according to statistics, 100,000 homes are wrecked and ruined annually by the powers of commercialized piracy which is ever ready to rend asunder family ties to carry on its system of robbery."

"We are living in an age where wrong sits upon a throne while right is a cowering slave. Justice has become a stranger in the age of commercialized piracy that makes thieves, liars and brutes of men."

"The great problem that must be solved by the trade unions is how to remove the causes that have brought about these conditions, which society is afflicted and to usher in a civilization where the workers will receive the value of their labor. This is our duty. Nothing else will suffice."

WAUSAU, Wisconsin. — Characterizing as "a farce" the existing "blacklist law," which is declared to have been enacted for the sole purpose of destroying the early trade union movement of the state, the legislative committee of the State Federation of Labor in its report to the workers of the state to secure an amendment to the present law which would forbid the issuance of injunctions, excepting to prevent irreparable injury to property.

An amendment to the present law was drafted which, it was believed, would put principle into the law. It was organized labor. A bill was introduced in the assembly Jan. 13, 1913, containing a provision "that no restraining order or injunction shall be granted by any court of the state, or a judge or the judges thereof, or a court commissioner in any case between an employer and an employee or between employers and employees, or between persons employed and persons seeking employment, or involving or growing out of a dispute over wages, terms or conditions of employment, unless necessary to prevent injury to property for which injury there is no adequate remedy at law, and such property and property rights must be particularly described in the application, which must be in writing and sworn to by the applicant and for the purpose of this act no right to continue or to assume or create such relation with any particular person or persons shall be construed, held, considered as constituting property rights, or that the relation between employer and employee shall constitute a property right or a right of contract, unless done unlawfully."

Protects Capital, Not Labor.

"It is well known that in labor disputes the injunction—a judge-made law—has become the strongest weapon of the employers in paralyzing the united efforts of the wage earners, while on the other hand neither the criminal or civil law, nor the courts of the state have protected the laborer against similar actions on the part of the employer," declared the report. "This bill was defeated by a 10 to 6 vote showing conclusively where the servants of the exploiting class of the state feather their nests."

Ballot Is Workers' Weapon.

All bills relating to the time and manner of payment of wages were

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THE PARTY PACE

DEBS SCORES THE PHARISEES

TERRE HAUTE, Indiana. — That he has already proven his case against society, is the belief of Eugene V. Debs, recent candidate for president on the Socialist party ticket, who took to his home a young woman arrested on the streets of his home city on the charge of immorality.

The remarkable thing about it all, declares Debs, is that the world should consider what he has done as being remarkable. He says that this fact is significant.

"Kindness is so exceptional that it provokes widespread comment," he says, in a statement which he has issued as follows:

"There is but one thing remarkable about some of the most unfortunate young women and that is that anyone should consider it remarkable. This fact is significant. Persecution of these unfortunate girls is the rule and so common that it attracts no attention. Kindness is so exceptional that it provokes widespread comment."

Reflects Our Own Guilt.

"The sisters of the streets but reflect our own guilt and shame and the crime and hypocrisy of the society which produces them. Their male partners in sin go free. They alone bear the disgrace and sorrow, the ostracism and living death. They are driven to prostitution, persecution and preyed upon by the police and every species of graft and blackmail are levied to rob them of the proceeds of their dishonor and shame."

"Every scarlet woman in the daylight is a living certificate of the Christian church's denial of Jesus Christ. He did not save and handle the erring sinner. He loved and pitied her, gave her new life and new hope and rebuked without mercy the pious, heartless hypocrite guilty of her persecution."

Followed Example of Jesus.

"Jesus at the home of Simon, the pharisee, where the sinful woman followed him, turned in contempt from his church attending host to pour out his heart in compassion to the unwelcome intruder."

"No man who refuses to open his home and his heart to an unfortunate and persecuted woman is a follower of Jesus Christ. He may cry, 'Lord, Lord,' but he is a hypocrite."

"The red-light district is a direct challenge to the Christian church."

"What Christ would do is proved by what he did when on earth and for which extortioners and hypocrites are led by high priests, all of whom made long prayers and great show of religious pretense, conspired to have him ignominiously crucified as a felon."

"The church of today is no less full of hypocrisy and false pretense. It does not rebuke rich hypocrites and pour out its love to poor sinners as Christ did whom it falsely professes to follow."

"The sinful woman is as a rule not a wicked woman, but a sick and suffering woman. Instead of being persecuted, maltreated, preyed upon and driven to destruction, she needs care and kindness, sympathy and love and that is what Christ gave her 'the fullest measure' and 'that the church cruelly denies her as it did in his day.'

Deep Lesson for Scourge.

"There is a deep underlying cause for the scarlet scourge of modern society. The cause is the same as that of this country can not successfully combat."

Another resolution was introduced relative to the constitutional amendment passed by the 1911 session of the legislature to increase the salaries of the members from \$500 per term to \$600 per annum. It calls upon all affiliated organizations and the American Society of Equity, Wisconsin State union and individual members of labor to work for the passing of this amendment.

WISCONSIN

Several of the foreign sections have placed women upon their executive committees and in charge of their party-owned papers, but the work has been so cut off from the general Socialist work that the membership does not even know of these women or of their work for Socialism in the United States.

The English section, with its 35 per cent membership of women, has doubtless solved many of the problems with which we are struggling.

The Bohemian section, with its organization of 500 young people in Chicago, each giving up to 100 hours of their time for the young people's department, which is to be established in the national office, Oct. 1.

Mixed Locals Are Better.

So also the women's national committee may be of assistance to these comrades along other lines. For instance, we believe that greater good will accrue from women joining the mixed locals working side by side with the men in propaganda and business meetings, in social affairs and upon sub-committees than is realized through women joining a woman's branch of the party. Most of our foreign organizations, however, hold to this old form of separate organizations.

There are only a few of the many points of organization and propaganda where one section of the party appears to have found a superior means to the end in which we are all interested, that of bringing men and women of the working class, irrespective of race, color or sex, to an understanding of the principles of Socialism, necessity of bona fide affiliation with the Socialist party of America.

Mrs. Hyndman Dead.

On July 1 Matilda Hyndman, one of the best known women in the international Socialist movement, and wife of Henry M. Hyndman, died at her home in London. For more than 30 years she had been actively connected with the Socialist and labor movement.

Her earliest activity was concerned with the free feeding of children during the great industrial depression of the late 18th century. Her efforts were organized the distribution of fully \$6,000 free meals each winter.

Throughout the last 20 years she has taken an extremely active part in every move to organize the work of women within the Socialist movement. During many of these years she has had to struggle with those economic difficulties that are inseparable from the life of the Socialist agitator.

At the time of her marriage in 1878 her family was comparatively wealthy. But the long years during which she and her husband poured money and the time which would have earned more money into the Socialist movement gradually reduced them to actual poverty.

In recent years, yielding to the urgent solicitations of his friends, her husband devoted some more time to his personal work, and the fortunes were to a small extent, restored, but through all these years no one heard a complaint or criticism from her.

Among the Socialists of England she has long been known as "the mother of Socialism," and her name was for more than a generation a sort of personal headquarters for the Socialists of the world, where men and women whose names are familiar to the working class of the civilized world met.

Connecticut State Convention.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 25. — The state committee of the Socialist party of Connecticut will hold its semi-annual meeting at New Haven on Sunday, Aug. 27. This meeting will be held to hear the reports of all elected officials in towns and cities throughout the state, to receive the reports of party officers, and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

LA CROSSE.

LA CROSSE, Wisconsin. — The unions of this city have been making splendid progress in getting new agreements, and advanced wage scales, but some difficulty has been experienced in certain trades. The brewers have secured an agreement for three years with an increase of \$1 per week for all men; the bottlers have gained \$1.50 per week, while the girls have secured a raise of \$1.50 to \$2 per week. The carpenters have gotten a raise of 2 1/2 cents per hour and the eight-hour day. The painters have made a gain of 2 1/2 cents an hour, making the rate now 40 cents, with an eight-hour day. The ice teamsters, who were locked out, finally secured a settlement, and a raise in wages to 85 per month, with the help of the scale \$60 per month. The printers have received a raise averaging from \$1 to \$2 per week. The barbers have received a reduction of one-half hour each day. The street car men have signed a new scale, which calls for a raise of 2 cents per hour.

SUPERIOR.

SUPERIOR, Wisconsin. — Forty six persons, men and young girls, were taken into custody yesterday morning by the police in raids conducted on alleged immoral resorts under the guise of hotels outside the segregated district.

The action was the culmination of an agitation made the basis of a recall campaign directed by the Socialists against Mayor Joseph Konkell, first executive under the commission form of government.

Oscar Ameringer

Is the most called for speaker on the Socialist platform in Milwaukee. He has filled one-fourth of the hall upon his last visit. Ameringer is a better speaker than a hundred of others, but he has the misfortune of not being a native of this city.

Ameringer has spent considerable time speaking in Milwaukee. The people never grow tired of listening to him.

To reach the people whom he cannot reach with his voice, he has put the substance of his lectures in several pamphlets.

"The title of the latest one just off the press is:

"Socialism, What It Is and How to Get It."

50c per dozen; \$3.00 per hundred; \$25.00 per thousand.

"Communism, Socialism and the Church"

Millions of stances American men and women have lately become interested in the subject of Socialism and Communism, owing to the attitude and attacks on Socialism by the spokesmen of the church.

Ameringer's new book is just the thing to put into the hands of those seeking after the truth about the relations of Socialism, Communism and Religion.

All readers of the Herald who have seen Ameringer's "Socialism, What It Is and How to Get It" and "Communism, Socialism and the Church" will know that a quarter of a million have been sold during the past year, and still selling better than ever.

The title of the latest one just off the press is:

"Life and Deeds of Uncle Sam."

10c per dozen; \$1.00 per hundred; \$10.00 per thousand.

"Socialism, Communism and the Church."

75c per dozen; \$5.00 per hundred; \$40.00 per thousand.

One hundred of the above pamphlets, assorted, one-third of each, for \$5.00. Express prepaid.

Order from Social-Democratic Publishing Co., Book Dept., Milwaukee, Wis.

FOND DU LAC.

FOND DU LAC, Wisconsin. — Contributions amounting to \$2,140 make it possible for the park board to erect a modern bathing house at Lakeside park. Of this amount Edw. Doherty, the Los Angeles oil magnate, gave \$1,540, a citizen \$500 and the common council \$100.

The brutality of progress are called revolutions; but when they are ended, this fact is recognized: The human race has been cheated, but it has moved onward.—Victor Hugo.

Answers Bummery.

Debs sees the fall on the Judas Iscariots, who in the name of labor, have been tireless in their efforts to not only create suspicion in the minds of the strikers against the officials of the United Mine Workers, but who have emptied their slings from their slop-buckets of filth on the committee appointed by the Socialists to investigate conditions in West Virginia and to make a report of their findings.

"Bummery" to its breast, regardless of the number of times it has been this reptile hanging the hand that fed it, and now, in various parts of the country the Socialist party still continues to furnish nourishment to keep alive an aggregation of professional slanders whose personality would be a disgrace to the lowest dive in a "red light" district.

Let the good work go on, for the time is near at hand, when no element of the labor movement or Socialist party will feed a viper that spews its venom and poison upon every bona fide movement that is struggling for the uplift of humanity.—Miner's Magazine.

IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

Commissioner A. F. Kowalski, Social-Democrat, launched a movement to secure co-operation of the park police during the hot summer months before the park board Monday night, when he introduced a resolution, providing for co-operation of the park police.

Kowalski desires that the park police be allowed to discard the regulation coat and vest for a uniform blouse during the summer.

The resolution says that the park policemen being compelled to wear a coat and vest in the scorching heat of a continental summer, is an act of cruelty that would be resented by the public if perpetrated on animals."

"The humane officials would be after us if we just let our animals be wrapped up in coats and vests during hot weather," said Kowalski Tuesday.

The resolution was referred to the committee on rules and laws.

"Whenever a press correspondent's story begins, 'I can state on unimpeachable authority,' or 'a senator who does not wish his name mentioned in connection with the truth, has leaked out through secret channels which it would be premature to disclose,' the reader can rest assured that he is face to face with one of those fabrications of original richness of color with which yellow journalists entertain their patrons. Political fiction and general news fiction are no worse inherently than any other kind of fiction; the sole objection being that they masquerade as truth. Therefore, it is fortunate that easily recognized trade marks have become part and parcel of the new romantic school. These should be carefully pointed out to the casual reader and form a part of liberal education. Nothing is better for mental relaxation than the work of a special Washington correspondent, provided one disdains the serious oracles of believing it.—San Francisco Bulletin.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Sumner, Box 7, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home remedy for this trouble. Send no money, but write her today if you children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures the urinary troubles prevalent with urine difficulties day or night.

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dark. Another little schooner while leaving port was hailed by the Yantic and requested to "heave to," but she heeded to the hail. The Yantic then fired three shots at her which brought the skipper to his senses and he hove to. A lieutenant went alongside in the whaleboat and boarded her, but could find nothing suspicious.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Shore Leave and Calaboose.

Admiral Cooper inspected the Galea, putting the crew through all the various drills and exercises and when it was over all hands were called to muster! When all had assembled on the quarterdeck, the captain told the crew, that he was well pleased with the results of the inspection, and that they had done very well considering the short time they were on board.

A few days later the Telesco and Swatara sailed for Hampton Roads, the Yantic, Vandallia and Alliance leaving soon after so the Galea was left alone. She put down two anchors, put on a mooring swivel which denoted a long stay, so the crew settled down to regular harbor routine.

A catboat (a sailboat partly decked over and having one large sail, the mast being stepped forward, just abaft the stem), was hired and manned by Mr. Capehart, a seaman, with three men discharging neighboring waters, spying on the several days without having any exciting experiences. Then the first cutter was manned and fitted out, cruising around the other side of the island, or key, on which Key West is built, but this boat also returned without any results.

The men got liberty, a number from each watch going ashore separately. But as there was not much else to do the most of them got drunk, raised hell and got in the calaboose. The master at arms and the ship's corporal had to go on shore and get some of them.

CHAPTER XXIV.

How Gladney Was Punished.

The starboard main top men had elected an Irish seaman, Mike Gladney by name, as caterer. June 1 he went ashore to buy provisions, taking some \$150 worth of him, that belonged to the mess. Instead of buying provisions, however, he got drunk and stayed ashore raising hell, till he got into the calaboose and had to

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he brought on board by the master at arms, who put him in the brig.

On the second day he was ashore, the steam launch found at the landing a bale of hay and a bag of oats, addressed to the main top mess. The coxswain brought these, alongside and they were hoisted on board.

The main top men had to take a lot of chaffing and jeering from the rest of the crew and were made the butt of many a joke, so after Gladney got sobered up and was let out of the brig, it would have gone hard with him if Cox, the sailmaker's mate, had not offered to punish him.

A fight was arranged, with boxing gloves and in the evening a ring was made, up on the forecastle from some running gear. Gladney was a long wiry Irishman, while Cox was shorter but more chunky and quite a lively Englishman. Old Spike was umpire and when he dropped his cap, Ireland and England shook hands and got into position, both sparing for an opening.

Then Gladney, with a heavy swing of his long left, struck Cox on the jaw. Cox retaliated with a flat one that landed on Gladney's face, and then it was a set-to, hot and heavy, till Gladney went down, bleeding out of nose and mouth, and gave up.

When he went down, Cox took off his gloves and retired, but the main top men took Gladney, laid him over a chest, and with the end of the topmast halliards they taught Gladney that they weren't of the kind of animals that ate hay and oats, till the master-at-arms interfered and to prevent Gladney from getting more punishment he locked him in the brig again.

But the money was gone and the main top men had to live on government rations till next payday, July 1.

CHAPTER XXV.

A Tarry Job.

Hans was a neat sort of a chap and not fond of dirty work, and being a girl's man besides, Marshall, the captain of the foretop, got a "pick" on him. So when the rigging was tarred down he tried to put up a job on Hous. Knowing that Hans would not like to get all covered with tar, he ordered him to tar down the foremast stay.

Now, the decks were wet down so the tar would not make spots should any be dropped or spilt, and it was a difficult job to tar down a stay without spilling any tar.

Hans put on an old duck suit, got a pot of tar, a large one with little tar in it, and with a stick to tar the stay with, he climbed up to the foretopmast cross-tree, from there up the "Jacob ladder," and then shinned up to the masthead where a bosun's chair had been fastened to the stay by a pair of clip hooks. He got into the bosun's chair in which a halibut had been fastened.

As fast as he tarred a piece of stay he was lowered down a little and so gradually the whole stay was covered with Stockholm tar and Hans landed out on the end of the flying jibboom.

It was no easy job, however, for Marshall had taken the job to lower Hans himself and when least expected he would suddenly slack the halibut and then stop suddenly again,

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bringing Hans up with a jerk. He wanted to scare him and also make him spill his tar, but Hans was too lively and quick for him and did not drop a drop of his tar.

He hung on to the stay with one hand and with the other, having the tarry rag in that hand on the stay, and so he came down without any mishap.

He climbed in from the jibboom, and going to Marshall asked whether there was anything else he could do. "Did you smooze yourself?" he asked, to let him know that he knew what Marshall was up to and that he had been trying to scare, if not injure, him.

CHAPTER XXVI.

A Frightful Death Machine.

One evening, just before sunset, a heavy bank of clouds rolled up from the northwest and numerous waterspouts formed. They looked like huge pillars supporting the clouds. Around the base of them the sea rose in a cone, while an almost similar cone-like projection reached down from the clouds. The lower part of the spouts were surrounded by a mist, caused by part of the water falling back in the ascent.

One of the spouts came within three quarters of a mile of the ship, so the gun on the forecastle was loaded and got in readiness, but before the spout came near enough to get dangerous, it broke, so the charge was drawn again. The actual water was obscured by a thin layer of mist or cloud which descended over it like the larger parts closing over the smaller ones of a telescope.

Off in the distance it was raining hard. Thunder rolled and an occasional flash of lightning lit up the imposing scene as it grew darker. During the night it rained heavily.

On June 13, after quarters, all of the marine and the artillery company went on shore in the launches, while the captain and several officers went ashore in the gig. The marines stacked arms in the naval storehouse and the sailing gun was also placed there.

A Cuban had been tried for murder in Key West and was sentenced to be hung. The civil authorities, fearing an attempt of his comrades to rescue him, the Galea was called upon for assistance, so the above forces were landed and remained ready for a call in case of any disturbance.

The revenue officers had captured a man who was supposed to have deserted from the Spanish service and to be in league with the Cuban revolutionists. They had received strict instructions to allow nothing to come into or leave the port without a thorough overhauling. This man had in his possession a small valve filled with pigmire and percussion caps. Near his stateroom on the steamer with which he came, was found a long tube like a torpedo.

The surface of this tube was full of nipples, like those found on old fashioned muskets. The nipples, this man had in his possession a small valve filled with pigmire and percussion caps. Near his stateroom on the steamer with which he came, was found a long tube like a torpedo.

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It grew warmer every day, and it being too hot to drill, all the crew had to do was to keep the ship clean and do routine duty. So there naturally arose a superabundance of healthy and spry spirits among the men and boys, and these found outlet in, or caused innumerable practical jokes and capers to be played among the crew, so that skylarking, as sailors call it, was indulged in daily.

CHAPTER XXVII.

A Great Commotion.

It was the beginning of the rainy season and one afternoon when it was raining and nothing doing on deck and everybody sleepy, one of the marines, a big Irishman, was lying flat on his back fast asleep on the berth deck. Some of the boys got a white mattress cover and covered him up. Then they got some candles and, placing them at his feet and head, they and some others sat around him, and began to chant an Irish mourning hymn, such as is usually sung at a wake.

Soon the marine awoke and his face was a study, till the crowd began to laugh him. He jumped up and went after the boys. But he soon saw the joke and had to laugh himself.

Under the forecastle, forward of the main galley (cooking range) was the captain's stateroom, where the captain's cook reigned supreme. Over the galley was an iron grating, so when on the forecastle anybody could look down and see all that was going on.

Among the apprentice boys were Boy Schwarzer and Boy Teller. They were two good hearted, lively, devil-may-care sort of chaps and up to all sorts of mischief and tricks.

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EVERETT, Washington. — The Snohomish county superintendent of schools has refused to approve the employment by the Arlington, Wash., school board of J. E. Sinclair of Tacoma, as principal of a school at Arlington. The matter has been appealed to the state superintendent. It is charged against Sinclair that he is unpatriotic. Sinclair, in his capacity of secretary of the Socialist state educational bureau, recently issued a circular to the boys and girls of the state, which, after criticizing the laws passed by the legislature, said:

"The funniest of all the laws that they made down there by the Olympia oyster bed was this: Once every month when you go back to school next September, you will have to go out in the yard or stand up in the room and salute the capitalist flag and tell the following lie to it out loud: 'I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'"

"If you will not salute the flag and say this stuff to its face, you will be punished by your capitalist teachers expelled."

"New boys and girls, what do you think of these laws?"

